

Senate Bill No. 720

CHAPTER 154

An act to amend Section 12817 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 720, Runner. Vehicles: drivers' licenses: military personnel and their spouses.

Existing law requires a California driver's license held by a person who enters or is in the United States Armed Forces to continue in full force and effect, so long as the service continues and the person remains absent from this state, and for a period not to exceed 30 days following the date the holder of the license is honorably separated from service or returns to this state, among other things.

This bill would extend the above benefit to the spouse of the person who enters or is in the United States Armed Forces, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12817 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

12817. (a) A California driver's license held by a person who enters or is in the United States Armed Forces shall continue in full force and effect, so long as the service continues and the person remains absent from this state, and for a period not to exceed 30 days following the date the holder of the license is honorably separated from that service or returns to this state, whichever is earlier, unless the license was suspended, canceled, or revoked for cause as provided by law. The license is valid only if it is in the immediate possession of the licensee and the licensee has in his or her immediate possession discharge or separation papers if the licensee has been discharged or separated from the service.

(b) A California driver's license held by a spouse of a person described in subdivision (a) shall continue in full force and effect, so long as the person described in subdivision (a) continues in the service and remains absent from this state and the spouse remains absent from this state, and for a period not to exceed 30 days following the date the person described in subdivision (a) is honorably separated from that service or the date that the person or the spouse returns to this state, whichever is earlier, unless the spouse's license was suspended, canceled, or revoked for cause as provided by law. The license is valid only if it is in the immediate possession of the licensee

and the licensee has in his or her immediate possession discharge or separation papers of the person described in subdivision (a).

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